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## MARINE CORPS ORDER 3590.14G

From: Commandant Of the Marine Corps  
To: Distribution List

Subj: MARINE CORPS ANNUAL RIFLE SQUAD COMPETITION

Ref: (a) FMFM 6-5, Marine Rifle Squad  
(b) FMFM 1-2, Marine Troop Leaders Guide  
(c) NAVMC 2694, Performance Objectives for Infantry Squad  
(d) FM 23-85, 60mm Mortar, M224  
(e) FM 6-30, Field Artillery Observer  
(f) MCO 3591.2J, Small Arms Marksmanship Competition  
(g) MCO 1510.120, Individual Training Standards System for Field Medical Services  
(h) MCO P1020.34F  
(i) P1400.32B, Enlisted Promotion Manual  
(j) MCO P1080.40, MCTFSPRIM

Encl: (1) Infantry Team Match Course of Fire

1. Purpose. To provide instruction and set forth responsibilities for the conduct of the Marine Corps Annual Rifle Squad Combat Competition.

2. Cancellation. MCO 3590.1F.

3. Information.

a. The rifle squad competition will be conducted annually at all infantry battalion to the division level. Each Division's first place rifle squad will be recognized during August at an evening parade conducted by the Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.

b. The intent of the competition is three fold; providing a Marine Corps-wide medium to stimulate operational proficiency of the Marine rifle squad, evaluating which rifle squads are most effective in demonstrating their capability for employment under simulated combat conditions and recognizing each winning squads achievements.

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## 4. Competition Rules.

a. The criteria for unit competition will emphasize those tactics and techniques promulgated in references (a), (b), and (c). References (d) and (e) will be the source for 60mm and 81mm mortar "call for fire" procedures. The marksmanship portion of the competition will be conducted per reference (f) and the enclosure to this order. Specific scenarios and tactical evolutions for the competition are the prerogative of the force commanders; however, squads must be tested in the following general categories:

- (1) Offensive tactics
- (2) Defensive tactics
- (3) Patrolling
- (4) Marksmanship
- (5) Physical fitness

b. Competing squads' members will be designated prior to commencement of the battalion competition ensuring grade requirements within the Table of Organization.

c. One Marine, Lance Corporal or below, may be designated as an alternate accompanying the squad throughout the competition. The alternate will only be used to replace a member of the squad in the event of injury or emergency. A Marine who has served as the alternate on the winning squad will attend the Marine Corps recognition ceremony and receive appropriate awards/recognition as other squad members.

d. Each squad, during Regimental and Division level competition, will be accompanied by one Navy corpsman, Field Medical Service Technician (NEC 8404), of a grade no higher than a Petty Officer Third Class who is a member of the squad's parent battalion. The corpsman will participate in all events except the marksmanship portion of the competition. Medical skills will only be evaluated per reference (g).

## 5. Administrative and Travel Instructions.

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a. Travel orders to the recognition ceremony will be provided for winning squads, and personnel designated to accompany them, to report as a unit to the Commanding Officer (CO), Headquarters Battalion (HQBN), Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC), Arlington, Virginia for duty no earlier than three days prior to the scheduled date of the ceremony. Orders will be terminated by appropriate authority on the Saturday following the parade.

b. The CO HQBN, HQMC, will be advised of transportation arrangements to and from Washington, DC at least 10 days prior to the recognition ceremony, with an information copy to the CG TRNGCMD (C 472).

c. Each Marine division may designate one company grade officer and one staff noncommissioned officer to accompany the winning division squad to Washington, DC.

d. Squad rosters showing the full name, social security number, grade, and T/O billet for each Marine of the winning Division squad will be forwarded to CG TRNG COM, (C 472/C 476) 15 days prior to the date of the recognition ceremony. Rosters will indicate squad, platoon, company, battalion, and regimental designator. Additionally, upon arrival, each squad will submit to the CG TRNG COM (C 472) (information copy to CO HQBN HQMC) a final corrected roster certified by its parent command.

e. Squad leaders will be thoroughly briefed by their command regarding transportation arrangements to and from Washington, leave authorizations, and other pertinent administrative details.

f. All TAD and travel costs will be borne by the parent commands.

## 6. Action

a. Commanding Generals; MARFORLANT, MARFORPAC and MARFORRES.

(1) Determine the most proficient rifle squad organic to the division. The spirit and intent of the competition is to recognize the most proficient rifle squad in each division, not the development of "Super Squads".

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(2) Ensure that the Division competitions are completed by mid-July each year.

b. CG TRNGCMD (C476). Coordinate the procurement and engravement of the competition medals.

c. Commanding Officer HQBN, HQMC

(1) Provide transportation, billeting, messing, and administrative support for participating squads.

(2) Coordinate the arrival and departure of the squads, participation in the recognition ceremony, and other extracurricular activities as required.

(3) Coordinate with the CO Marine Barracks, Washington, DC as required.

d. Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, Washington, DC

(1) Plan and conduct the parade and award ceremony

(2) Submit parade/award ceremony plan to CG TRNGCMD (C 472TP) for approval 30 days prior to the execution.

(3) Coordinate with the CO HQBN, HQMC as required.

(4) Coordinate media requirements with the Deputy Commandant (PA).

e. Deputy Commandant (PA). Coordinate media coverage of the competitions and the recognition ceremony for adequate national and Marine Corps-wide distribution.

7. Uniform. The uniform for the awards ceremony will be woodland camouflage utilities with issued black boots. Appropriate civilian attire will be worn while on liberty in the Washington DC area.

8. Badges. All members of the winning squad, to include the squad corpsman and alternate, will be awarded the Rifle Squad Competition Badge. The badge may be worn for the duration of the Marine's/Sailor's time in service per reference (h).

9. Promotions. Per reference (i) chapter 4, paragraph 4100.3A, the Commanding General of each Division may submit a

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meritorious promotion request to HQMC (MMPR-2) for the winning squad leader. All other members may be meritoriously promoted at the discretion of the Division Commander based on available promotions for each grade.

10. SRB/UD Entries. Per reference (j), The winning squad members' personnel files will be properly annotated to note rifle squad participation.

11. Reserve Applicability. This order is applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.

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